

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1145 - SB 1089

March 31, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds statutory rape against a minor under 18 years of age to those acts constituting child sexual abuse. The Department of Health shall report any one under 18 years of age having a sexually transmitted disease to the Department of Children's Services that shall investigate for possible sexual abuse, including statutory rape. Requires doctors, health care providers and other persons examining or treating a child, who determines that such child is pregnant, to report the case to the Department of Children's Services for investigation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$10,000/Incarceration*
\$529,800
\$196,700 TennCare

Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures - \$30,300

Estimate assumes:

- Two additional convictions each year for statutory rape, a Class E felony;
- 3241 new cases for the Department of Children's Services Child Protective Services programs to process through intake and screen for investigation which require 15 new case managers II and two new case manager IV positions.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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